

REMARKS

Remarks to address the 112 rejection of claims 1-24.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite by use of the phrase "predetermined types characteristics". In response Applicants have amended all affected claims to change the phrase "predetermined types characteristics" to "predetermined characteristics". Predetermined characteristics is defined in the specification with reference to step 414. Applicants respectfully request removal of the 112 rejection of claims 1-24.

Remarks to address the 102(b) rejection of claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-14, 16-18 and 20-24.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-14, 16-18 and 20-24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Netscape® communicator 4.08. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-14, 16-18 and 20-24. Applicants express appreciation for the indication of the allowability of claims 4, 8, 15 and 19 if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base and any intervening claims. In response, Applicants have amended and canceled affected claims, thus obviating the outstanding rejections.

In the event that the applicants have misinterpreted the Examiner's objection to claims 4, 8, 15 and 19, and those claims would not be allowable if they included the limitations of the preceding claims, then the applicants reserve the right to further amend claims 1-24 to obviate the amendments above and traverse the Examiner's rejections and objections.

Claims 1-9: For Applicants' claims 1-9, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 4. Applicants cancel claim 4. Applicants have amended

dependent claim 8 to produce an independent claim that includes all of the elements of claim 1 and claim 8. Claims 2-3, 5-7 and 9 depend upon an allowable claim 1 and are allowable for at least this reason. This action is in response to Examiner's "allowable subject matter" comments in the office action.

Claims 10 and 11: For Applicants' independent claims 10 and 11, Applicants have amended independent claims 10 and 11 to include the limitations of claim 4. Applicants submit that the limitations of claim 4 added to claims 10 and 11, traverse the 102(b) rejection. This action is in response to Examiner's "allowable subject matter" comments in the office action.

Claims 12-21: Applicants have amended independent claim 12 to include the limitations of claim 15. Applicants cancel claim 15. Applicants have amended dependent claim 19 to produce an independent claim that includes all of the elements of claim 12 and claim 19. Claims 13-14, 16-18 and 20 depend upon an allowable claim 12 and are allowable for at least this reason. Applicants have amended independent claim 21 to include the limitations of claim 15. Applicants submit that the limitations of the operation steps of claim 15 added to claim 21, traverse the 102(b) rejection. This action is in response to Examiner's "allowable subject matter" comments in the office action.

Claims 22-24: For Applicants' independent claims 22-24, Applicants have amended independent claims 22-24 to include the limitations of the operation steps of claim 4. Applicants submit that the limitations of the operation steps of claim 4 added to claims 22-24, traverse the

102(b) rejection. This action is in response to Examiner's "allowable subject matter" comments in the office action.

The foregoing amendments and arguments are submitted to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants' respectfully submit that claims 1-3, 5-14, and 16-24 are patentable over Netscape® communicator 4.08 under 35 U.S.C. 102. Applicants respectfully request allowance for claims 1-3, 5-14, and 16-24.

Respectfully submitted,

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